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In re Application of
Stephen M. Dawson et al
Application No. 09/931,370
Filed: August 16, 2001
Attorney Docket No. 16409/93578-00

:DECISION GRANTING PETITION
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(f) AND
:NOTICE RESETTING PERIOD FOR
:REPLY TO NONFINAL OFFICE
:ACTION

This is a decision on the petition filed October 28, 2002, to revive the instant nonprovisional application under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(f).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner states that the instant nonprovisional application is the subject of an application filed in a foreign country on August 13, 2002. However, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office was unintentionally not notified of this filing within 45 days subsequent to the filing of the subject application in a foreign country.

In view of the above, this application became abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) for failure to timely notify the Office of the filing of an application in a foreign country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

A petition under 37 CFR 1.137(f) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the reply which is met by the notification of such filing in a foreign country or under a multinational treaty;
- (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional.

The instant petition has been found to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.137(f). Accordingly, the failure to timely notify the Office of a foreign or international filing within 45 days after the date of filing of such foreign or international application as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

The previous Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i) has been rescinded. A Corrected Filing Receipt which sets forth the projected publication date of March 6, 2003 accompanies this decision on petition.

There is no indication that a reply to the nonfinal Office action of July 29, 2002 has been filed. Accordingly, a shortened statutory period of three (3) months for reply to the nonfinal Office action of July 29, 2002 is restarted with the mailing date of this decision. Extensions of time pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. Failure to timely reply within the period restarted by this decision will result in the abandonment of this application.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8680.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 3677 to await a reply to the July 29, 2002 nonfinal Office action, the period of which is restarted to run from the mailing date of this decision on petition as noted above.



Frances Hicks

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ATTACHMENT: Corrected Filing Receipt